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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1958

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. Production in the Geographic Research Area dropped to more normal levels during the month of November. Both projects completed and those in hand reflect the recent trend toward more active relationships with the ERA. Major work in progress included the compilation of an intelligence atlas of the USSR, and continuation of programs concerned with USSR city plans, Unconventional Warfare, NIS and Soviet geodesy - Antarctica. Two new projects have been developed in coordination with components of M/Ag and one in coordination with SAC.
2. The Cartography Division completed 115 maps and charts -- 113 for the Agency and 2 for the Department of State. Requests accepted numbered 85 -- 81 for the Agency and 4 for the Department of State.
3. The Geography Division completed two Geographic Intelligence Reports (GR-185, Civil Divisions of the World: Part V, Western Hemisphere; and GR-200, Code: EDDA); one geographic intelligence memorandum in the CIA/RR-GM series (GM-11, Macedonia: Perennial Bone of Contention); one contribution to the Chapter I Annual on Thailand; and six support jobs in the G/E, G/I, and G/S series.
4. The Map Library Division received 6,300 foreign-published maps during November, of which 35% were retained in CIA; 31% sent to AMS; and 28% to the Library of Congress. The Division sent out 23,046 maps in response to 1,273 requests; in addition, 336 geographic and cartographic items were distributed in response to 145 requests.
5. Chief, Far East Branch, Geography Division, visited SAC Headquarters at Omaha, in company with [REDACTED] of PPC, DD/P, to confer with SAC officers on the SAC Target Charting Program and to develop a revised approach to the preparation of E and E planning studies. As an outgrowth of the trip, a special E and E project which incorporates fallout data has been undertaken for SAC.

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6. Progress on the USSR city plan program was excellent during the month. One plan has been completed, one is in reproduction, one in drafting, and three in compilation. Further discussions were held with DD/P and PIC personnel, and details relative to greater utilization of the map bases being prepared were agreed upon. SR/6 has allowed D/GG researchers full access to its urban files.

7. The Ad Hoc Committee on Graphics for Section 19, Chapter I, of the NIS completed its mission and was dissolved during the month.

8. At the invitation of Chief, Cartography Division, Mr. Gordon Stine, Chief of the Cartography Division, ACIC, and his deputy, Mr. Lubber, visited D/GG on 19 November to observe CIA terrain shading work.

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9. A selected group of maps and documentary materials which will aid the accomplishment of covert collection in the mapping field was dispatched to [REDACTED] by the Map Library Division. The shipment represents a follow-up on the recent conversations held by the Chief, Map Library Division, with Station personnel.

10. [REDACTED] of the Coordination Staff, Geography Division, visited ACIC in St. Louis during the month to discuss the major problems that have been encountered in the coordination of ACIC contributions to the Chapters IX and related Sections 19 of the NIS.

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11. The Map Library Division discussed current map procurement problems with [REDACTED] DCE, prior to his attendance at the [REDACTED] the NATO mapping meetings, and subsequent travel.

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